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THIS ISSUE OF STEVEN UNIVERSE:

"STORYTIME"

I HAD NO IDEA HUMANS HAD SUCH IMAGINATIONS! THIS ALMOST SOUNDS AS GOOD AS SOME MINOR ASPECTS OF GEM CULTURE!
OH WELL I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT.

also featuring:

"CAR TROUBLE"
written & illustrated by
GRACE KRAFT

"GARDEN"
illustrated by
REBEKKA DUNLAP

"MEAN LOOK"
story by
JOSCELINE FENTON
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THIS ONE IS CALLED "CARRION AMONGST THE CLOVER" AND IT'S ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL MEARL OF NORTH END.

OOOOOOO

I LIKE THE SOUND OF MEARL.

MEARL IS NEXT IN LINE TO INHERIT THE THRONE BUT FEELS SMOTHERED BY THE RESPONSIBILITIES SO SHE RUNS AWAY AND ADOPTS A FAKE IDENTITY.

OOOOOO

THE COOL THING IS THAT HER EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE OF HER KINGDOM HELP HER REUNITE HER PEOPLE WITH THOSE OF THE HEAVY SPHERE. THERE'S BEEN THIS FEUD FOR CENTURIES...

OH GOSH! I KNOW HOW THAT GOES.

AND EVEN AFTER THE BRAVE SIR ARGARATE AND HIS FAITHFUL SQUIRE PEAPOD. RESCUE MEARL..

RESCUE?! I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

SURELY MEARL CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF! IF SHE IS AS BRAVE AS YOU SAY. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR A SIR ANYTHING.

BUT THE BOOK.

BUT LOGICALLY ...

WELL SPOILER ALERT, MEARL IS INCONSOLABLE AFTER SHE RETURNS TO HER KINGDOM TO FIND HER MOST BELOVED MENTOR EVERLORD OF THE EVERLANDS HAS BEEN BANISHED BEHIND THE SHADOW CURTAIN.

SHADOW CURTAIN?!

WHY DOESN'T THAT BRAVE SIR ARGAGA JUST GO THROUGH THE CURTAIN AND RESCUE THIS EVERLORD?

BECAUSE YOU CAN'T! THE SHADOW CURTAIN IS THE ONLY BARRIER BETWEEN MEARL'S WORLD AND THE HEAVY SPHERE...

... AND ONCE YOU PASS THROUGH, YOUR BODY IS BROKEN DOWN AND JUST YOUR ESSENCE LIVES ON.

IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S A CURTAIN! WHO WROTE THIS BOOK? I SHALL CALL THEM IMMEDIATELY TO EXPLAIN CURTAINS!

AND INCONSOLABLE?! MEARL WOULD NEVER BE INCONSOLABLE. SHES THE UNITER OF THE KINGDOM!

LET ME FINISH THE STORYYYYYY

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN EVER FINISH THIS MONSTROSITY KNOWING MEARL'S TRUE NATURE.

TRUE NATURE? MEARL IS ONLY THE MAIN CHARACTER FOR THE FIRST TWO BOOKS.

SHE EVENTUALLY JUST TAKES HER PLACE ON THE THRONE ...

...AND THEN THE SERIES IS ABOUT PEAPOD BECOMING THE ONE TRUE MAGICIAN.

PEA-

PEAPOD?!

IMPOSSIBLE! THIS IS MEARL'S STORY!

GUYSSSS, WHAT'S GOING ONNNNN?

NOTHING! CONNIE IS JUST TELLING LIES!

ABOUT WHAT?! IT'S JUST A BOOK!

JUST A BOOK? NEXT YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME MEARL ISN'T EVEN REAL.

HEY PEARL, IT'S TIME FOR THAT MISSIOIN!

FINE! LET'S GO!

HOLY COW.

PEARL CAN GET A LITTLE EXCITABLE?

DO YOU THINK SHE WANTS TO BORROW MY COPY?

...
AND IT'S LIKE SHE ISN'T EVEN CONSIDERING THE HARD SHIPS MEARL HAS ENDURED. WHAT HAS PEAPOD EVER DONE?
A HUH.
SCR eeeeeeCHHHH
ARGHHHHA!
SHOULD WE WAIT FOR HER TO FINISH OR ...
SMASH
BANG!
LET'S SEE PEAPOD DO THAT, HUH?
CLAP CLAP
END

"WILD ANIMALS"

HA HA! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO? WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?!

HA HA! DISGUSTING!

HAHA! I TOTALLY KNOW WHERE TO GO!

HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING ANYTHING FROM YOUR LITTLE "ANIMAL ESCAPADES"?

WHAT?! NO WAY! NOT EVERYTHING'S A "TEACHABLE MOMENT"!

HAHA, STEVEN IF YOU GET THAT HAT STUCK ON YOUR BIG HEAD...

HAHA FINE! IF IT GET'S STUCK, I'LL JUST KEEP IT AS AN EARLY BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

AND WEAR IT ALL WINTER? ALL THE SNOW WILL COLLECT AND MAKE A LITTLE MOUNTAIN OF SNOW ON YOUR HEAD!

CUTE!

WHAT IS HE UP TO WITH ALL THOSE GOLDFISH..?

BUT THOSE ARE FRESH WATER FISH!!

SPLOO

PET STORE

OPE

I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS THINKING!

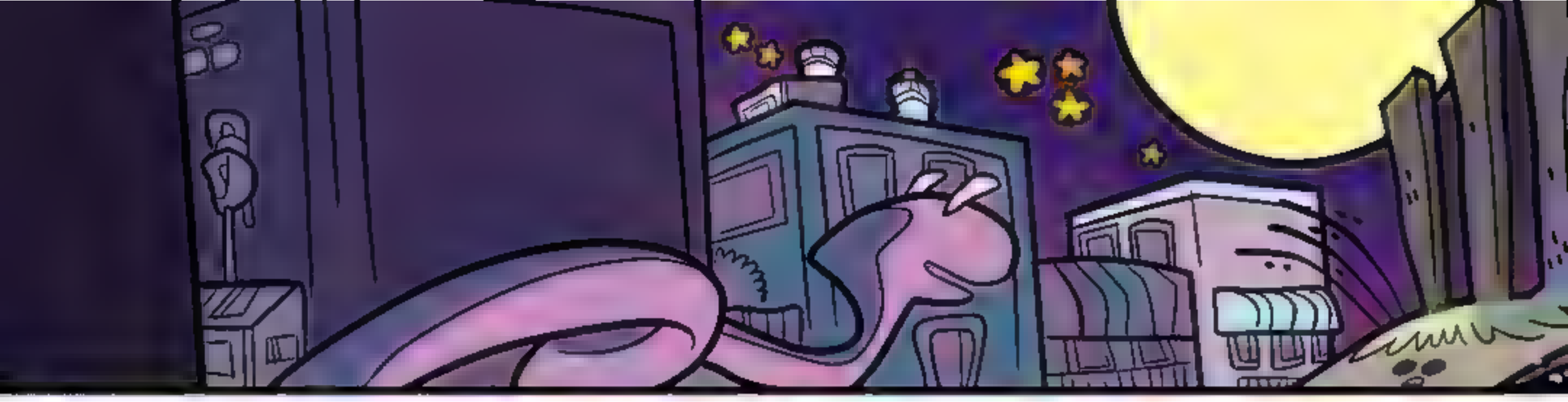
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING? YOU TWO SAVED THESE LITTLE GUYS.

BUT I DON'T GET IT.

WOULDN'T THEY BE HAPPIER IN A GIANT FISH TANK LIKE THE OCEAN COMPARED TO THIS DINKY ONE?

IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT THOUGH. EVERYTHING HAS IT'S PLACE.

MMMMMMMMM I GUESS.



PET STORE
CLOS

Heee Heee He
MAIL

Heee Heee H

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
OPEN

PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
AND THE TANK DOWN!

AMETHYST! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

KAW! KAW!

THESE FISH BELONG IN THE PET STORE! YOU WERE STEALING!

THEY'RE WILD ANIMALS! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO SWIM FREE!

YOU CAN'T JUST DECIDE THAT FOR THEM!

JUST LET THEM BE!

HAHA! YOU'RE JUST STUCK IN YOUR LITTLE FISH TANK AND DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!

AMETHYST! COME BACK!

FINE! GO! BE FREE!

ALRIGHT. TIME FOR SOME FUN!

SIGHHHHH

HEY. WANNA HANG OUT?

SO IS THIS ALLLLLLL YOU DO OR IS THERE MORE?

SSIGHHHA

Z Z Z

Z Z

BECAUSE OF THE POLAR BEAR'S LOWER BODY TEMPERATURE ...

... HE IS NEARLY UNDETECTABLE USING OUR INFARED PHOTOGRAPHY.

Z Z

WHATEVER.

END

CAR TROUBLE

BY GRACE [illegible]

SQUELCH

AW SHOOT!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S STUCK

BUT DON'T WORRY!

I CAN GET THIS!

DAD?

IT'S OKAY, STEVEN I GOT IT!

IT'S JUST... A BIT HEAVIER THAN I THOUGHT.

HRRRGH

GARNET? I THINK MY DAD NEEDS A LITTLE HELP

DAaaaaaADI

GARNET AND I CAN HELP!

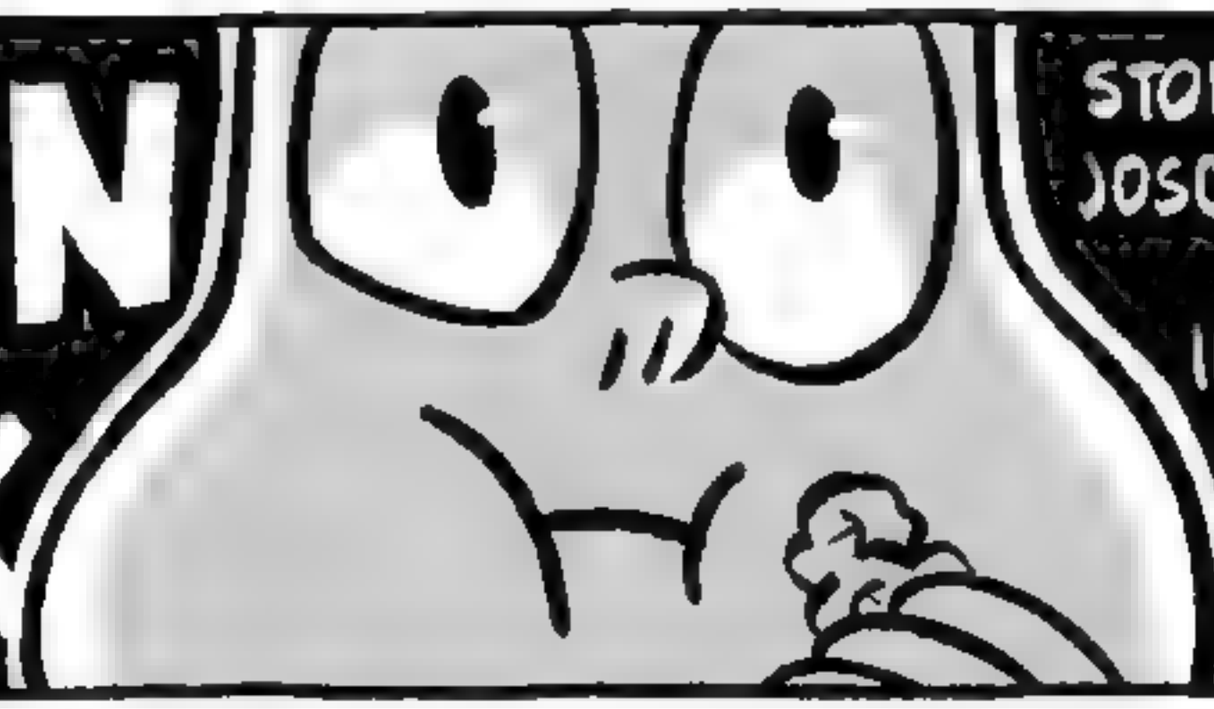
ALRIGHT JUST BE CARE—

—FUL

MY VAN!!

END

MEAN LOOK



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BZZ

ZZ-

Z-IP!

WATCH OUT!!

ZAP

ZAP

IT'S SHOOTING TELEPORTATION BEAMS!

EVERYBODY BE CAREFUL!!

CRUNCH

MUNCH

MUNCH

ONION?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

CRUNCH CHEW

GUYS, HOLD ON! I GOTTA GET ONION OUT OF HERE!

B-I-I-I

RRRRRRR

YAP!

PLAP.

DOOM.

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

ONION!!

WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU!!

ZOOP!

OH, UH--

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT IT COVERED...

U

THE END!

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NEXT MONTH IN

STEVEN UNIVERSE

The Gems and Steven go on a mission to a forgotten temple. But getting up the hill turns out to be harder than planned when Stone Knights come out of the ground to stop the Gems! It's a race for Amethyst and Steven to make it to the top to save Pearl and Garnet!

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